

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A content delivering method for transmitting a content file from a server to a user terminal unit through a network and for causing the user terminal unit to stream-reproduce the content file, the method comprising the steps of:

designating a non-skip area that represents an important portion to the content file;

transmitting information from the non-skip area from the server to the user terminal unit along with the content file;

causing the user terminal unit to determine whether or not the non-skip area has been skipped and when the non-skip area has been skipped, transmitting information indicating that the non-skip area has been skipped to the server; and

causing the server to transmit information corresponding to the non-skip area to the user by another transmitting means when the server receives the information indicating that the non-skip area has been skipped.

Claim 2 (original): The content delivering method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the other transmitting means is electronic mail.

Claim 3 (new): A content delivering method for transmitting a content file from a server to a user terminal unit through a network and for causing the user terminal unit to stream-reproduce the content file, the method comprising the steps of:

- designating a non-skip area that represents an important portion to the content file;

- storing information associated with the non-skip area in a database;

- transmitting information from the non-skip area from the server to the user terminal unit along with the content file;

- causing the user terminal unit to determine whether or not the non-skip area has been skipped and when the non-skip area has been skipped, transmitting information indicating that the non-skip area has been skipped to the server; and

- causing the server to transmit the information associated with the non-skip area from the database to the user by another transmitting means when the server receives the information indicating that the non-skip area has been skipped.

Claim 4 (new): The content delivering method of claim 3, wherein the other transmitting means is electronic mail.

Claim 5 (new): The content delivering method of claim 3, wherein the information associated with the non-skip area includes at least one of: user information, file I.D., non-skip area data and content creator information.